

training to more than 1,500 individuals across the state.

- ◆ Provided information and assistance concerning the installation of solar powered water pumps for cattle operations. These pumps help make managed grazing systems feasible in remote locations.
- ◆ Working to provide greater assistance for solid waste disposal through composting and reuse as a product.

If you have any questions or need help with any of these issues, please call us, send us a fax or visit our homepage. We will be glad to help you.

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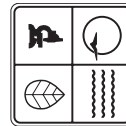
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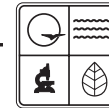
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The Agricultural and Rural Assistance Unit

The Agricultural and Rural Assistance Unit is part of the Environmental Assistance Office (EAO), a non-regulatory service of the Department of Natural Resources. Our mission is to provide information, assistance and training to small business owners, farmers, local governments and the general public on ways to control or reduce pollution. We also help people go beyond the minimum regulatory requirements to include environmental considerations as a central part of their planning and operations. We do this by providing technical and managerial assistance, financial planning assistance and other kinds of help, training and information.

The Agricultural and Rural Assistance Unit helps farmers, rural residents, and agricultural related businesses comply with environmental regulations related to air pollution, water pollution, hazardous waste, land reclamation and solid waste. Our assistance includes guidance for environmental permits, information on natural resource stewardship and referrals to other agencies when appropriate.

Our Services Feature

Information

- ◆ Provide environmental information and assistance on air, water and land issues through the department's toll-free telephone number.

- ◆ Produce and distribute guidance documents for waste management, water quality protection, sand and gravel mining, solar powered water pumps and rural living.
- ◆ Provide information to the public by participating in rural and agricultural conferences, trade shows, fairs and other agriculture related events.
- ◆ Coordinate information and assistance services with other department programs and staff, as well as other state federal agencies.

Assistance

- ◆ Provide farm and agricultural business site visits to assess environmental risks and identify opportunities for improvement.
- ◆ Assist fertilizer and pesticide dealers with preparing and submitting their annual discharge monitoring reports. Compliance rate is now at an all-time high.
- ◆ Help farmers and farm businesses get financial and business planning assistance from all appropriate sources. Use grants to help research markets for agricultural products such as composted poultry litter.
- ◆ Help concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) evaluate options for controlling animal odors.

Education and Training

- ◆ Assist University Extension with pesticide applicator training and certification.
- ◆ Conduct training for small and minority farmers on the topic of livestock and poultry environmental stewardship. Curriculum includes animal diet, manure storage, treatment and land application, nutrient management and air quality.
- ◆ Provide guest speakers for meetings, field days and other events through our "Protecting Air Water and Soil - PAWS" program. Present training on a broad spectrum of environmental topics.

Examples of Our Services

- ◆ Helped businesses with large tanks of anhydrous ammonia update risk management plans required by the federal government.
- ◆ Attendance with display and information at approximately 40 agriculture shows, fairs and conferences per year throughout the state of Missouri.
- ◆ Coordinated a collection program for outdated pesticides and herbicides (hazardous waste) through our "Clean Sweep" program.
- ◆ Provided "Protecting Water Quality" guidance manuals and construction site erosion control